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The order states people must wear a facial covering before they enter:

- Any indoor facility except for their own residence.
- Any enclosed space.
- Any outdoor space where individuals are unable to maintain at all times a distance of six feet from others.

“Facial coverings are meant to protect the public from the user in case the user is infected and not yet displaying symptoms,” the order states. “Facial coverings used in conjunction with physical distancing of at least six feet and frequent handwashing may reduce the risk of transmission.”

Read the full order at [humboldt.gov.org/DocumentCenter/View/85482](http://humboldt.gov.org/DocumentCenter/View/85482).

Frankovich said requiring facial coverings in public is a necessary first step as shelter-in-place restrictions are eased and movement increases within our community. “Your facial covering protects me and my facial covering protects you,” she said. “Having everyone using facial coverings will help to make us all safer as we move forward.”

Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal said, “This is the key step in reopening our businesses while continuing to protect the members of our community from the virus. Local law enforcement will be actively engaged in educating the public on the importance of facial coverings.”

Facial coverings should not be placed on children under the age of 2, people who have difficulty breathing or anyone who cannot remove the material without assistance.

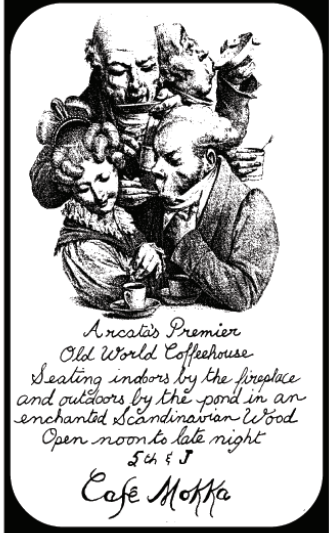
Community members are asked not to purchase medical grade surgical or N95 respirator masks, which should be reserved for health care workers. Facial coverings should be regularly washed and sanitized, or changed, and wearers are advised to wash their hands after touching or adjusting their facial coverings.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers these facial covering guidelines:

- Fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Is secured with ties or ear loops
- Includes multiple layers of fabric
- Allows for breathing without restriction
- Is able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

Local retailers are offering facial coverings for sale, some of which are listed below. Please call ahead to check availability.

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1. Watch chain
4. Dramatist George Bernard —
8. Beer
13. Island nation
14. Unspotted
15. See eye to eye
16. Fail to include
17. Inter —
18. Whiskered animals
19. European nation
22. Very fast transport: abbr.
23. Failed Fords
24. Gets dirt on
26. Stitched joining
29. Like a traditional nun
32. Layered rock
36. Steed's feature
38. Policeman's spray
39. Hollow pipe
40. Body of water
41. Ending for conifer or prefer
42. King or Ladd
43. Baltic feeder
44. Dangerous reptile
45. Feisty fowl
47. Coward, for one
49. Measured portions
51. TV sports game feature
56. Mysterious sight, for short
58. Pretoria's country
61. Home's locale, in song
63. Vegetables
64. More than
65. Word with tooth or potato
66. Diminutive ending
67. Bookish fellow
68. Mountain range
69. Musical instrument
70. Talk on and on and on

**DOWN**

1. Became enraged
2. News items, for short
3. Cleanse
4. Few and far between
5. Outer covering
6. Oratorio melody
7. Withdraws from gradually
8. 1954-71 TV series
9. Become old
10. Pasture
11. Slimy swimmers
12. Others
13. Scoop holder
20. "Or \_\_\_!"; threat words
21. U. S. state capital
25. Treated with calcium oxide
27. Among
28. Self-proclaimed expert
30. Behold, to
31. Pontius Pilate
32. Graceful animal
32. Pierce
33. Dance
34. Left behind
35. Musical direction
37. Infamous ruler
40. Shakespearean hero
44. Hebrew letter
46. Property
48. Wiped away
50. Terrific
52. Part of a utensil
53. \_\_\_ life of ease; have plenty of leisure
54. Sour
55. Linear measure
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59. Pierre's noggin
60. Despise
62. "Golly!"

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The CDC provides detailed instructions on ways to create various types of facial coverings using common household items. Visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html).

**Increase in testing**

Additional testing capability will be available to Humboldt County starting in a few short weeks.

A COVID-19 community testing site, provided by the State of California Testing Task Force in conjunction with Optum-Serve, is slated to open in Eureka and is estimated to be fully operational for the public in the next one to two weeks.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said the new testing site will be an incredible boost for the county as we move into the next phase of our response to COVID-19, with the site having the ability to test approximately 96 people per day,

“Our goal is to be able to conduct broad testing and surveillance in our community so that we will have an on-going understanding of how much COVID transmission is occurring,” Dr. Frankovich said. “With this extra capacity we are going to be able to test mildly symptomatic people and eventually, even people without symptoms so that we can better identify early and very mild COVID infections so that we can contain them most effectively.”

The Eureka testing site is one of 80 planned sites across the state being set up to increase COVID-19 testing of Californians and is one of the first in our region.

Once the community testing site is fully operational, Humboldt County residents will be able to schedule an appointment and receive a test. Test results will be available within 48 to 72 hours. More information regarding the location of the testing site and how to make an appointment will be announced in the coming weeks.

**COVID-19 cases by area**

Beginning April 22, the Humboldt County Joint Information Center started releasing geographic information about confirmed COVID-19 cases.

After gathering weeks of statistics, Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich has determined the case count has reached the minimum public health threshold required to release this additional information about the location of cases.

Positive cases will be reported from three regions:

- Northern Humboldt, which extends south from Humboldt County's border with Del Norte County to State Route 299.
- Greater Humboldt Bay Area, which extends south from State Route 299 to State Route 36.
- Southern Humboldt, which extends south from State Route 36 to Humboldt County's southern border with Mendocino County.

As of April 22, Humboldt County has nine cases in Northern Humboldt, 40 cases in the Greater Humboldt Bay Area and three cases in Southern Humboldt.

This geographic information will be provided every Friday for the duration of the incident.

**Target employee has COVID-19**

An employee at the Target store in Eureka has tested positive for COVID-19, according to the Humboldt County Joint Information Center.

“The Public Health Branch has been working with Target to actively investigate this case and has determined that the individual worked on-site but did not work with customers,” stated a press release. “Close contacts have been identified. Any close contact with symptoms to date

has been tested, and we have no additional positives to report. Close contacts are nonetheless quarantined and being monitored. Our investigation and isolation/quarantine activities are ongoing. There is no evidence of contact exposure for members of the general public visiting the store.”

**HSU cancellations**

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, Humboldt State University has decided to cancel all in-person programs and events that were scheduled to take place over the summer through Aug. 14, based on continued guidance from the CSU Chancellor's Office and state and local officials.

These activities include but is not limited to: summer conferences, festivals, and workshops; camps and clinics; Children's Center programming (cancelled through June, will evaluate a July 1 opening on or before June 1.); recreation programs; and field trips

No decision has been made at this time about when faculty and staff can return to campus. Until then, campus remains closed to the general public.

HSU does anticipate opening and offering instruction for the fall semester. The university is currently accepting applications, housing applications, and more, though it's not yet clear when HSU will be able to safely return to face-to-face instruction.

**Property taxes**

If you are paying your property taxes late due to the COVID-19 emergency, you can pay without a penalty by completing an affidavit on the county website.

The affidavit, which is a statement sworn to be true, will be accepted only for late payment of the second installment of 2019-20 property taxes. You must submit the form and payment by June 10, or if you are mailing it must be postmarked by that date.

“To claim this exemption submit the affidavit and payment as if your taxes were paid timely; please do not include payment of late penalties and fees if you wish to claim the exemption. You must also include documents as supporting evidence for the affidavit,” stated a press release from the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office.

Please visit the Treasurer-Tax Collector's web page at [humboldt.gov.org/260/Treasurer---Tax-Collector](http://humboldt.gov.org/260/Treasurer---Tax-Collector) to find the affidavit and for more information.

**Sewage treatment kills virus**

Some have raised concerns about whether treated wastewater, which some municipalities use for irrigation or discharge into waterways, could contain the virus.

The State Water Resources Board issued a ‘Fact Sheet’ last week adamantly stating that the coronavirus is destroyed in the treatment process.

“Sanitation experts have determined that existing treatment plant disinfection processes successfully disinfect wastewater containing the COVID-19 virus,” stated the agency.

**Hazardous waste**

The Humboldt Waste Management Authority is accepting business-generated hazardous waste by appointment only at its facility at 1059 West Hawthorne St. in Eureka

Acceptance hours for business hazardous waste will be limited to one day a week – Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. HWMA will continue to evaluate staffing levels and resume acceptance of residential hazardous waste at a future date once staffing allows.

“HWMA is committed to a phased return of our services, and one that ensures the health and safety of our customers and employees during COVID-19,” stated a press release. “We have taken steps to ensure social distancing rules will be followed, and ask customers to reschedule their appointment if they are feeling unwell. HWMA will continue to evaluate additional opportunities of expansion of hours based on guidance from Federal, State and the Humboldt County Department of Public Health.”

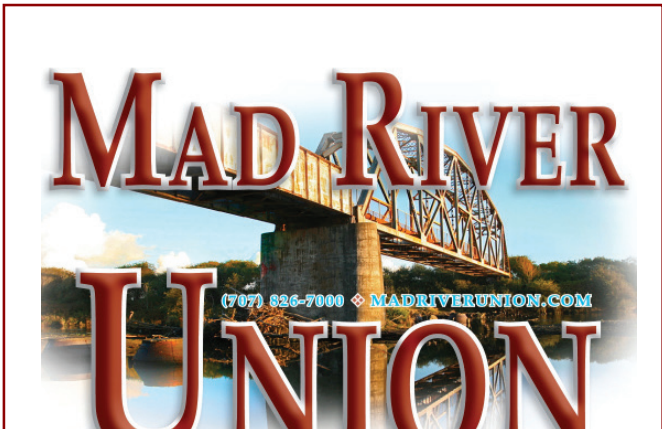
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## County | 'There are consequences no matter which way we go'

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county lifting all restrictions on May 1. Ennis said it shows "a situation that would overwhelm our hospital capacity severalfold, potentially."

In it, the peak of cases would hit in late July, with 976 people hospitalized, 408 of them in intensive care and 251 on ventilators.

At that point, there would be 188 deaths, according to the model.

The county's strategy is to allow the local economy to reopen in stages in the near future. That will result in more cases but care capacity is being built up and the situation will be monitored with improved testing.

The plan will be done in tandem with gradual easing of the state's shelter in place order. The state has outlined six prerequisites for re-openings, including expansion of testing and increasing case investigations and hospital capacity.

Sheriff Billy Honsal said he supports allowing counties that have met the conditions to proceed with lifting some restrictions.

"Dr. Ennis is working tirelessly to really increase (hospital) capacity to prepare for that surge that potentially could be coming sometime this summer," he continued. "We can continue to prepare for that but also have these things in place to start easing some of those restrictions."

Keeping all the restrictions will continue the destruction of the county's economy.

Honsal reported that since the shelter in place order was issued, 2,100 local jobs have been lost, there have been 15 permanent

business closures and an overall revenue loss of over \$28 million.

Part of the plan is to allow businesses like restaurants and shops to open under a program that certifies their readiness and ability to operate safely.

"Maybe restaurants can open and do all the social distancing and things we want in place – and then we wait," said Frankovich. "An incubation period is two weeks so maybe we wait a couple incubation periods and then we open the faucet a bit more ... and the more robust our testing and monitoring and tracing, the easier it will be to sort of slowly open things up."

She noted that one of the state's prerequisites is the ability to gauge when

re-openings need to be scaled back.

"It does strike me that it's difficult to go out to dinner with friends when you're wearing masks, I'm not quite sure how that's going to work," said Sims.

Frankovich said measures like spacing of tables, having wait staff wear masks, using disposable paper menus and cleaning surfaces in between customers' meals could make restaurant re-openings doable.

"We're really coming close to that time when

we're going to be able to start moving on this," she said at the close of the forum. "We really recognize the need for that and we know there are consequences no matter which way we go."

She added that the goal is to "keep the community safe and healthy as much as possible – knowing there's going to be a little trade-off there and people are going to get sick – but trying to balance that against what we know has to happen in the community for us all to come through recovery."

Preparation for loosen-

ing restrictions was seen at the end of last week. On April 24, facial coverings became mandatory instead of voluntary and the county announced

that a new state-sponsored "community testing site" will open in Eureka within two weeks. It will enable the testing of 96 people a day.

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The Blue Lake Rancheria values your business and is actively monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19), taking the matter very seriously. From the direction of tribal government, the tribe is choosing to close the Blue Lake Casino, Alice's Restaurant, Sushi Blue, the Wave Lounge, and the Lily Pad Café on Wednesday, March 18th, starting at 2 a.m.

The Blue Lake Casino's doors will remain closed until the end of March, when the tribe will re-evaluate the situation. The tribe is choosing to act out of an abundance of caution and is honoring Governor Gavin Newsom's request as well as strictly following recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, and other trusted sources of information.

At this point, the Blue Lake Hotel will remain open. Before check-in, guests are being asked if they have been in close contact with a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. The information is then being reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If necessary, the tribe is prepared to close the hotel if the situation begins to look unsafe.

The Blue Lake Rancheria will keep Play Station 777 Gas Station and Convenience Store open for people to get fuel and supplies. If the coronavirus worsens, the tribe plans to limit access to the convenience store, and will ask customers to pay outside by credit card at the pump – all pumps will be routinely cleaned and sanitized.

The Blue Lake Rancheria's government offices and business enterprises are following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) routinely cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (e.g. workstations, countertops, and doorknobs), as well as requiring employees to practice regular handwashing and to stay home if sick. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed throughout the property in public spaces and employee-only areas for people to readily use. To educate our employees and guests about COVID-19, we have posted CDC bulletins and posters about measures that we all need to take to prevent the spread of this virus.

At this time, we expect no disruption of tribal government programs. Programs such as home meal deliveries will continue as usual. We will notify stakeholders with as much advance notice as possible if any changes are expected.

The Blue Lake Rancheria is always looking ahead at issues that could impact the region and takes great pride in community preparedness, keeping our tribal members, valued guests and dedicated employees safe. The tribe's top priority right now is to reduce the risks of coronavirus and keep our community healthy. We are reviewing local, state, and federal recommendations daily and making necessary changes.

The Blue Lake Rancheria has declared a state of an emergency and is mobilizing appropriate resources.



### Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

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## Now more than ever, we have to remember and act with compassion

### Shelter and support the houseless

I would like to thank Supervisor Steve Madrone for suggesting that the county establish homeless encampments on county property. This proposal is one of the best ideas I have heard, and I'm disappointed that his suggestion was not taken up by the board. Arcata has established just such a program at the Arcata Community Center. I'm told that it is working well; with self-contained campsites for small groups. You can't maintain social distance if you keep getting forced to move from place to place! Around 1,000 unhoused people live in Humboldt County. I'm told that every unhoused person costs the county around \$100,000 every year. We as a community need to find places for people to live! And since people have differing needs, we need a variety of places:

- overnight shelters
- camps – with water and toilet facilities
- housing – transformed hotels, vacant stores, anyplace with a roof to be re-purposed for people to live in, with privacy, hot and cold running water, electricity
- rent support for the many folks who are in danger of being evicted and becoming homeless themselves

We need to help the unhoused get a roof over their heads! People like Supervisor Madrone, and the Affordable Homeless Housing Coalition have some ideas, and we

### ❖ LETTERS

should listen to them!

Thank you,  
**Nancy Correll**  
**McKinleyville**

### Surplus population

I started reading a newspaper every day when I was 8 years old. I came from a family of workers who read the events of the day each morning. Our lives were surrounded by lively discussions, opinions and consensus of action.

“I read a newspaper until newspapers became nothing more than a collection of AP headlines.”

I read a newspaper every day until newspapers became nothing more than a collection of AP headlines. I like in-depth reporting and truth of events. Now all we have is talking heads on 24-hour “news channels.” That being said, I, like many of you, have watched in horror as the political leaders of our country have spewed such vitriol against ordinary working Americans as has never been seen. And all I do is rage. I have known, since I was 8, that the Republican Party has never ever cared

about the well being of the American People. Dwight Eisenhower, in his final public address, warned of the power of the Military-Industrial Complex, a complex that he and his party had allowed to flourish. But then it got worse. Every Republican Administration since 1970 has worked to dismantle unions, dismantle every corner of the New Deal, relegate women to second class citizenship and encourage the formation of a class system in a classless society. And now comes something that attacks everyone. You would think that it would kill everyone at the same pace, but those who have great medical care and a sanctuary, are not dying. Now the demand is that WE sacrifice more. American People, especially those that receive Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and food assistance are being asked to “die” so the economy can get back to normal. An early notion from POTUS that the stay-home orders were worse than dying, the call from truly whacko Republican governors and senators that many of us should be willing to sacrifice our lives for the all mighty dollar and finally the ungenuine organized and political protests are truly mind boggling. I came to the conclusion early that if SWP wanted to go to church, go ahead, but do not be surprised when you come out of your church, if a wall has been erected to keep you out of society. If the south wants to open, fine. The surrounding states should send the national

guard to the borders of these states and quarantine the whole lot of them, which looks eerily like the Confederate States of America. I am always reminded of a line from A Christmas Carol “If they would rather die, said Scrooge “they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population.” We have become the surplus population. What the overlords have failed to remember is that without our industry and commerce, no business will be done. We will not go out. Even if we get our stimulus checks (way too little, way too late) we will not spend them. We are in it for the long hall. Maybe if the rich and powerful start to die in droves, we will get some help. Please remember to keep your distance and wear your masks in public. If people think you are sick, they stay away. Thank you for listening

**Jan Phelps**  
**Arcata**

### The COVID-cleansing Commander in Chief

When our president professes about recommended treatments for COVID-19, there should be a disclaimer stating “I'm not a doctor, but I play one on TV.” He might also offer himself as a control group member for the internal use of Lysol.

**Edward “Buzz” Webb**  
**McKinleyville**

## When racism rears its ugly head, there are resources to address it

April 25, 2020

We are a group of folks from different organizations in Humboldt County who are working toward creating a welcoming community where everyone feels that they belong. We work towards “equity for all,” meaning that every person gets the care, support and services they need to feel safe and thrive. It has come to our attention that another example of racial hate surfaced within our community this week. Because we are all responsible for saying something when we witness prejudice and hateful acts, we offer this joint statement to express our collective belief that racism and hatred are not acceptable and make many of our community members unsafe. We know that our communities become defined by how all of us act individually and as a group. Because of the offensive behavior and acts of one or some, the North Coast's reputation to become known as a safe and welcoming place, is on the line. The way to work towards this, is we have to earn it through our actions, and by holding one another accountable to these values. Many may be surprised to learn that ideas and behaviors of hate and bias continue to exist here in our community in 2020, especially during a time of stress and difficulties associated with COVID-19.

### ❖ LETTER OF THE WEEK

Although some individuals have not been the victims of racial hatred or may not have seen it happen, too many Black, Native American, and people of color in our region have experienced discrimination. Racism does real harm and we, as a community, must be intolerant of it in all of its forms. As a united group, we believe that the only way to combat such dangerous beliefs and ideologies is by learning about our local and national history and engaging our communities to collectively address these issues in peaceful and constructive ways. We are stronger together and all have learning to do. We are also aware that racial equity work is often slow and challenging, but we remain committed and hope you will too.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

When you see or hear dangerous racist and white supremacist sentiments (such as expressions of white pride, which are harmful and dangerously racist, overt racial name-calling, etc...), say something and/or file a Discrimination Complaint Form with the Eureka NAACP ([eurekanaacp.org/discrimination-form](http://eurekanaacp.org/discrimination-form)).

- Research companies before you do business with them to be sure they share

and practice inclusive values.

- Attend virtual equity trainings or webinars by local and national leaders (Teaching Tolerance offers many for free at [tolerance.org/professional-development/webinars](http://tolerance.org/professional-development/webinars)).

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- Start a Book Club (might we suggest, *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo).
- Listen to a Podcast on Race and Equity (search “9 podcasts that don't whitewash race” for a great list).
- Donate to support local equity related work ( NAACP, PO Box 1434, Eureka, CA 95502, the Humboldt Area Foundation in support of MARE or others).

In support of a community where we all belong,

**Sharrone Blanck**, president, Eureka NAACP  
**Hillarie Beyer**, executive director, McKinleyville Family Resource Center  
**Lark Doolan**, community member  
**Jennifer Eichstedt**, professor, Dept. of Sociology-Humboldt State University

**Catarina Gallardo**, community member  
**Roger Macdonald**, superintendent, Northern Humboldt Union High School District  
**Amanda Mager**, city manager, City of Blue Lake  
**Melissa Meiris**, founder/co-director, Stepping Stone Diversity Consulting  
**Heidi Moore-Guynup**, superintendent, McKinleyville Union School District  
**Rachel Montgomery**, community member  
**Meridith Oram**, TK-12 Humboldt-Del Norte Equity Partnership  
**Edelmira Reynoso**, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI)-Humboldt State U.  
**Jen Rice**, community member  
**Aristea Saulsbury**, co-director, Stepping Stone Diversity Consulting  
**Holly Scaglioni** and **Mary Burke**, co-chairs, McKinleyville Alliance for Racial Equity (MARE)  
**Ron White**, boardmember, Faith in Action  
**DeAnn Waldvogel**, principal/superintendent and Daria Lowrey, board president, Blue Lake School District

\*There are many individuals and organizations doing racial equity work in our communities, and the above list is by no means exclusive.

## Give a care for those who are going through this without the comforts of home

These are difficult times. We are all suffering in some way or another. This is a time to look out for each other. We are #alone/together. Sheltering in Place is difficult, but imagine if you had no shelter. Homelessness is a complex problem. It is a complex population. There are many reasons for why one may not have a home. During this Pandemic it would be a good idea if we could improve the sheltering conditions for the homeless. Very few residents want a homeless shelter near them and yet not doing something is costing the homeless and all of us dearly. What is the current cost of how we are dealing with the issue? Let's look at that. What are the increased virus dangers of folks wandering around the community touching doorknobs and car handles to survive? According to Sheriff Honsal we are spending \$60,000 per year per homeless person in Humboldt County. Senator Mike McGuire says the average state wide

is \$100,000 per homeless person per year. That is for some services, lots of emergency room and hospital costs, crime, vandalism, garbage cleanup and theft. Basically millions of dollars being spent not actually solving the problem. Just reacting to the effects and results of not treating the problems. So what do we do? It is complicated and we are not going to solve everything all at once. We are in an emergency. So the question I am asking the community is can we do more for the homeless? Can we create safe parking lots for those that are living in their cars. Can we create safe camps for those without cars that want help? Not everyone wants help or can accept that help but many do. Wouldn't it be better if we had some safe places for folks to get into more sanitary conditions, while not congregating too many to one place? We would need the Sheriff and Health and Human

Services and non-profits and churches helping out and providing services and food. I think its important to try and believe when we dig deep to help others we may be able to find a way to do more. Thank you to all of you for what you are already doing, and keep it going. We will rise together. I do not know where the best places are to do these initial and temporary (during the Shelter in Place) efforts, and appreciate your input on these ideas. If we move forward it will need to be with significant community support. I am listening. I know many of you are also struggling with continued expenses, with no income for some time now. Unemployment has not come in yet for many and the stimulus checks have not arrived. Food is getting low and utilities need to

be paid. For many we are not far from being homeless ourselves. There is help out there. Talk with your landlords and make payment arrangements. Most

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landlords want to work with their tenants. Rent will still be owed but time to pay can be given. There are orders to avoid most evictions during these times. Utilities are also supposed to be left on. There will still be debt but as payments arrive it will get better. There are food resources at the McKinleyville Family Resource Center. Call ahead at (707) 840-0905. Food for People can be reached at (707) 407-0447. For information and/or enrollment in GR, Medical, Cal Fresh, CalWORKS and other benefit programs call the DHHS Call Center at (877) 410-8809.

Tenants can get help at Legal Services at (707) 445-0866. Landlords are connecting with their mortgage holders for payment considerations as well. Businesses should call the Small Business Development Center at (707) 445-9720. You can also call the Covid Joint Information Center at (707) 441-5000 Over the next few weeks we will begin opening up some more businesses once the Governor lifts the mandatory Shelter in Place Order. To do this we will need to stay masked and each business will have certain measures in place to reduce any spread. We need to move slowly and cautiously with an abundance of testing. . Be safe. Wear masks. Practice safe distancing. Wash your hands. And please send me your thoughts on helping the homeless with sheltering and sanitation. Thanks.

*Steve Madrone is Humboldt County's Fifth District Supervisor.*



❖GUEST  
OPINION  
Steve  
Madrone





Left, Paul Lubitz of Holly Yashi with a protective face shield. Middle, Bear Extraction House and Carlotta Gardens in Arcata's Cannabis Innovation Zone donated facemasks to Arcata Police. Top right, Co-Presidents Dana Hope and Jan West prepare gratitude baskets in the Trinidad Civic Clubroom for distribution to the hospitals. nurses hold one of the gratitude baskets donated by the Trinidad Civic Club. Right, Katrina Goodeyon, unknown and Shelly Rittersbach in the Covid Unit at St. Joseph Hospital. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**HUMBOLDT** – As Humboldters came to terms with the demands of Coronavirus, numerous individuals, groups and businesses found ways to help address the new demand for disease-inhibiting face masks.  
**Holly Yashi making face shields**  
Holly Yashi, an Arcata jewelry company, has converted a portion of its jewelry design shop to manufacture protective face shields for public workers in an effort to support the health and safety of everyone in the COVID-19 crisis.  
Recognizing the need for the service and the product, co-founder Paul “Yashi” Lub-

itz purchased enough materials to make 600 masks, which he plans to make available for local hospitals, law enforcement officers and other service workers.  
“We’ve got the capability – why not use it? We are happy to help.” Lubitz said.  
**Trinidad Civic Club supports healthcare workers**  
The Trinidad Civic Club showed its appreciation to local hospital personnel by creating gratitude baskets filled with treats, which were delivered to Mad River Community and St. Joseph hospitals last week. A chance meeting between Holly Slay, an Emergency Room nurse at St. Joseph Hospital, and Dana Hope, Trinidad

Civic Club co-president, inspired the project.  
When the vision was shared with Co-President Jan West, Civic Club and community members were invited to donate and responded with donations, which included goodies for the baskets, face masks and surgical caps sewn by Carol Brainerd of Big Lagoon.  
Civic Club members Patty Stearns and Barbara Cline, along with Carol Brainerd and Carol Cox of McKinleyville, also sewed masks that have been distributed to the Trinidad Community, including Trinidad Mobile Produce Pantry recipients, city employees, postal and grocery workers.



**MORE COVID CAPACITY** According to the Humboldt County COVID Facebook page, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services arrived at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds Friday, April 24 to begin constructing an Alternate Care Site for Humboldt County. The site will have 100 beds reserved to treat non-critical patients in the event that local hospitals are severely impacted by a COVID-19 surge. According to the posting, the Alternate Care Site will allow local hospitals to better utilize bed space, equipment and staff for the most in need, while continuing to provide care for those less seriously ill. Left, workers deliver and deploy mattresses for the new field hospital.  
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## Pony Ex. Days canceled

McKINLEYVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is saddened to announce that the 52nd annual Pony Express Days Celebration scheduled to take place the first weekend in June will be canceled.

This was a very difficult decision, but one that had to be made due to the Public Health recommendations currently set forth regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board Chair Kirsten Messmer stated "Making this decision for the board was hard and heartbreaking for all of us. Pony Express Days has been a McKinleyville tradition for over 50 years and to not have it this year is disappointing, but ultimately necessary for the health and safety of our community, sponsors, members and vendors. We are taking this one day at a time, but also looking forward to a big celebration of Pony Express Days in 2021!"

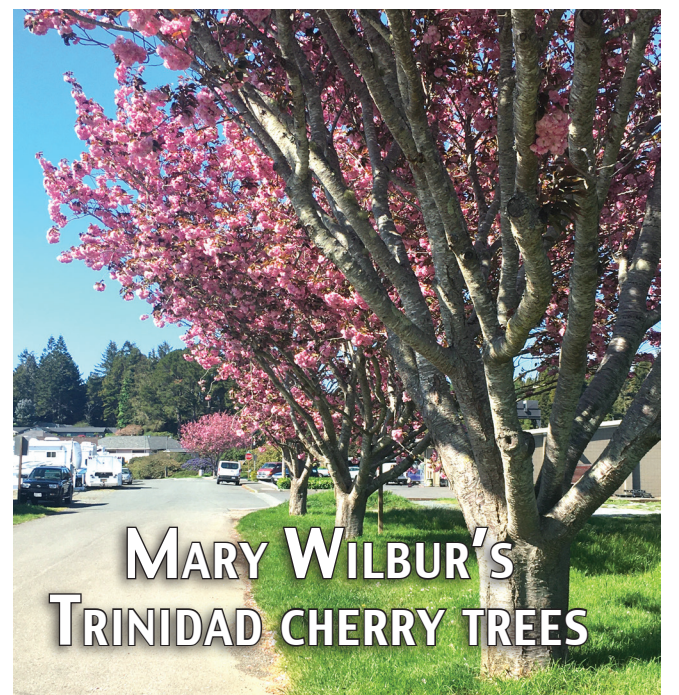
Pony Express Days is a long standing McKinleyville tradition with a rich history. Canceled events include the Kick-Off Mixer, Fireman's Muster, Chili Cook-off, Friday Night Dance, Parade and Festival.

The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce is looking into possible virtual activities and other community-wide activities that will allow us to maintain social distancing requirements but help the community to be together, while apart.



**MARY'S TREES ALL ABLOOM** Mary Wilbur's cherry trees are in bloom all over Trinidad. Wilbur (1918-2014) came to this country after WWII. Born in Wales, she lived through the Blitz in London, worked in New York, and eventually retired with her husband in Trinidad. Active in the local garden club, she wrote a grant to plant 25 cherry trees in the streets of Trinidad around 1996. Wilbur, a lifelong pacifist, stood with Women in Black every Friday afternoon for more than 10 years. Wilbur was born with only one arm but it didn't stop her from doing anything; she swam, she typed, she was a fantastic cook. In her memoir, *Bits and Pieces of My Life* (2011) she described the response to the tree planting: "At a meeting of the garden club after the trees were planted, one member suggested that in appreciation of my getting the grant to plant the trees, the members should give me a big hand. I could not resist, and said, 'A normal size one would do.'" The gorgeous blooms and the petals that blow onto the streets in Trinidad's gusty winds always remind local residents of Mary Wilbur.

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## Puppies galore!

Week six and adoptions and fostering at the shelter continue. Last week our friendly favorite Griffin got to go to a foster home with one of our volunteers.

His foster mom says he is the best houseguest! He plays wonderfully with the home dog and comes in for cuddles with the humans when he can.

His peanut butter buddy Sunny is still at the shelter where he is the number one go-to dog for play parties in the yard. These great dogs are still available through the shelter. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 840-9132, Monday through Friday.

I haven't written an update on our rescue work for a while. Fortunately, the number of dogs coming in to the shelter has slowed way down. We can only speculate why that might be – more people at home paying more attention to their pets?

Hard to say but we are grateful for the slowdown. Back in February, Redwood Pals Rescue and our friends at Upward Hound Pet Rescue, were able to find placements for all of the rescue dogs that needed to leave the shelter or face euthanasia.

Since then only a few dogs have fallen into the group of dogs that do not go up for adoption through the shelter. We just sent a lovely but shy Shepherd off to a great placement where she can continue to gain con-

fidence in the world!

We do have one dog at the shelter for whom we would love to find an adopter or foster. Our silly Tilly is a 6-year-old female. She is a good walker and loves to explore the play yard.

She has been friendly with other dogs but does not play with them. She seems to have been absent on the day they were teaching that skill in puppy school! She does love her toys and can entertain herself for quite a while with a Kong or other chewing toy.

She failed the temperament test at the shelter for some resource guarding, which means she can act grumpy if someone tries to take a toy out of her mouth. We have been working with her and have found that with just a little awareness on the part of the human, she can be a fun player.

She is friendly with people and easy to be around and seems uninterested in cats. She makes us laugh when she plays hide and seek in the big truck tire!

We may have a rescue placement for Tilly in the fairly near future, but to comply with the Sheriff's recent directive, we do need to get her out of the shelter soon. If you think you might be able to foster Tilly, or would like more information, please contact us at the number below.

The other aspect of rescue that doesn't pause for a pandemic would be the arrival of unplanned puppies. Redwood Pals has been contacted

about four different litters over the last month or so.

The Flintstone puppies featured here have been adopted but we have some adorable pups available now! These cuties were an accidental litter born to quite a young mother. The mama dog is reportedly a mix of Rhodesian Ridgeback and Lab.

The owners reached out to us as they were not able to provide for the puppies and were considering giving them away in front of a grocery store.

While I normally like puppies to stay with their mother and the litter until at least eight weeks, it was quite apparent that the mama dog was playing way too rough with the little ones.

We opted for the next best thing, which was keeping the litter together and placing them with some other friendly and nurturing dogs. These puppies hit the jackpot when they went to their foster home!

Not only have they transformed from scrawny, wormy pups to sleek and beautiful little dogs but they also gained surrogate canine parents, human siblings and some lovely grounds to explore! The puppies are just eight weeks old now and are ready to be considered for adoption. There are three males and four females.

They are socialized to dogs, cats, kids and even a pig! We expect these pups to be about 50 pounds at full growth. Redwood Pals provides their vaccine series and spay and neuter. To meet these beauties, please contact us at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.



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OBITUARY

Tom Allen

Tom Allen, respected and beloved educator of generations of Arcata and McKinleyville High Schoolers and HSU student teachers died this week at a senior living facility in Medford Oregon.

Thomas Herbert Allen (Tom) was born in Loma Linda California and died in Medford, Oregon on April 16, 2020 of complications from Alzhiemer’s. He was 91 years old.

Tom grew up in Colton, Calif., playing in the hot desert sun. As a child of the Great Depression he raised chickens and a vegetable garden, which helped with family finances. As a teen he worked as a soda jerk and managed a bowling alley.

After high school graduation his family moved to Oceanside, Calif. The Feds decided he should join the Army (1950 to 1953) and he was sent to Korea on a all-expense paid trip.

Tom was kind, gentle, loving, funny, caring and smart. Using his intelligence and drive he graduated from U. Berkeley with a B.A. in history in 1955, with a financial assist from the G.I. Bill and a loan from his step-father.

He also cleaned rooming houses. Tom received an M.S. in School Administration from Cal State Univ. Fullerton in 1970 and a Ph.D. in Leadership & Human Behavior from U. S. International Univ., San Diego, in 1981.

Tom taught at Arcata High and served as vice principal. He was the first principal of McKinleyville High and served 14 years until 1975. After three years in Southern California, he returned to McKinleyville to serve as principal of the continuation high school. He and a group of dedicated teachers worked with teens who needed lots of caring and direction. He loved this work.

Tom believed in supporting teachers, as he knew that successful teachers translate

to successful students. He began supervising student teachers at Humboldt State University in 1978. Shortly after he was appointed associate professor and became a single subjects program administrator (trained students to become teachers, grades 7 to 12).

Tom was always grateful to his mentors. He retired in 1991. Tom was a role model for life-long learning, worked to improve education and inspired others. He was active in professional associations and the community.

Tom enjoyed dancing, hiking, history, cooking, big band and classical music, traveling, learning Spanish and being with friends.

Tom was a feminist before feminist was a commonly used or understood word. His wife and the many women he worked with and mentored describe him as deeply committed to equal rights and treatment for women.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Roberta Allen, his sister Mary-Lu McCobb and nieces and nephews. His sis says he was a great big brother, always looking after her. His wife says, how were we so lucky? They were married 6 weeks after meeting. So it’s clear that short courtships don’t work!

To honor Tom’s memory please donate to a charity of your choice, a campaign for a Democratic candidate or to the Humboldt Area Foundation for scholarships for students from low-income families at McKinleyville High School.

Contributions can be made online to the Geri van Emmerick Scholarship Fund at [hafoundation.org/GvanEmmerik](http://hafoundation.org/GvanEmmerik) or by mailing a check to HAF at 363 Indianola Rd., Bayside CA 95524 or all (707) 442-2993. For checks mailed include Tom Allen/van Emmerick Fund in the memo line.



Cecelia Eggleston

Max Myrick

ity and higher education as ways to escape poverty and attain success.

Max Myrick is the Trinidad Civic Club Trade School Scholarship recipient. Max plans to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a successful chef by attending the Oregon Coast Culinary Institution at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay.

As a child Max watched television cooking shows and by age eight he and his brothers were having mock cooking competitions. He helped with the overall production of jams and in customer service at his family’s business, Mad River Farms.

For the past two years Max has taken classes in culinary arts at McKinleyville High School. His teachers describe him as “responsible, collaborative, creative, attentive to details and enthusiastic to learn.”

Last year Max interned at The Pub in Arcata where he learned how to make wood-fired pizzas and various sauces and salad dressings.

He won a cooking competition in the savory division at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute which is accredited by the American Culinary Federation.

Max is looking forward to obtaining a quality education at this school, which has small class sizes and a good internship program. In addition, he will be afforded the opportunity to participate in collegiate culinary competitions at the national and international levels.

Cecelia Eggleston and Max Myrick will receive \$1,000 each. Trinidad Fish Festival cake sale and other contributions add to the scholarship fund.

The Scholarship Committee carefully reviews every application and is deeply moved by the wealth of talent demonstrated by local high school seniors. Martha Sue Davis is chairman of the committee, which includes Katrin Homan, Joey Wauters and Penne O’Gara.

For more information about Trinidad Civic Club, formed in 1913, and the Scholarship Program, email [tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org](mailto:tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org).

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net).

These youngsters inspire optimism

Long-established traditions continue even when local clubs cannot meet in person during the caronavirus shut-down.

Cecelia Eggleston is Trinidad Civic Club’s Carmen and James Kidder Academic Scholarship recipient for 2020. This is an award established in 1977 in memory of much respected and beloved Carmen and James Kidder, who were devoted to education, music and public service.

They lived off Scenic Drive above “Kidder Beach.” Cecelia is an outstanding student at Arcata High School and has been accepted at UCLA for the Fall 2020 semester with the ultimate goal of becoming an obstetrician/gynecologist. Biology will be her undergraduate major.

Celcelia has maintained a high grade point average while volunteering at St. Joseph’s Hospital and as a weekly peer tutor. In addition she is an active member and officer of Arcata High School

Interact Club, “a group that explores the meaning of service,” in which she was awarded the Distinguished Service Citation several times.

She also was a varsity rower for the Humboldt Bay Rowing Association for three years and captain of the team in her junior year.

That year the coach and many of the members had quit or graduated. Funds and morale were low. Cecelia coordinated efforts to bring on board new members, raise money to buy equipment and increase the bonds between team members, a crucial part of rowing.

Trinidad Civic Club received applications from a number of highly qualified students and the Scholarship Committee’s decision was difficult.

One of the qualities which made Cecelia stand out was her accomplishments under adverse personal circumstances. She left home in her junior year because of adverse conditions and has been “couch surfing with friends.”

She found part time work to support herself first in a cleaning service and then in a veterinary hospital. She received the School House Youth Connection Award in 2020 for academic achievement while facing homelessness.

She is one of 10 students nationwide who were chosen to travel to Washington, D.C. with School House Connection to represent homeless youth. She wrote in her scholarship application that because of her experience, she views financial responsibil-

**COAST CENTRAL PROMOTIONS** Coast Central Credit Union has announced that Sarah Hiller has rejoined the organization as manager of its Arcata Giuntoli Member Services Branch. In conjunction, Danielle Pierson has been promoted to manager of its McKinleyville Member Services Branch. Both report to VP Member Services Kristin Blair. Hiller oversees a team of nine employees and has responsibility for daily operations, lending, and new member opportunities. She brings 15 years of local financial institution experience to her role, including eight years as senior member services supervisor at Coast Central’s Arcata Uniontown location. She also held positions with the organization as new accounts and member services representatives, ACH specialist, and IRA specialist. Hiller is a Humboldt County native and graduate of Arcata High School. She has previously been active in Rotary and volunteered for youth sports organizations, including McKinleyville Little League and Mad River Girls Fastpitch Softball. She and her husband reside in McKinleyville and have three children. Danielle Pierson, a 12-year-employee of Coast Central, oversees a staff of 18 at its McKinleyville location. She most recently served as manager of its



Danielle Pierson

Sarah Hiller

Resource center available to help you

How are you doing Blue Lake? The sunnier and warmer days are sure helping me out. Don’t forget, if you go for a walk out in the fresh air to stay 6-feet away, and if that isn’t possible, bring your mask along.

I’ll admit it is so awesome to see so many Blue Lakers on my nightly walks – from a distance of course.

This week I have two shout outs. First, a shout out to Molly Homen who leads the Blue Lake Play Group through the Blue Lake Community Resource Center.

Of course, the Resource Center also needs a shout out for all they are doing to help keep our community fed and safe during this time. In fact, I hope most of you took advantage of the Mobile Produce Stand last week. Remember that this happens every fourth Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Now, Molly, however, is doing a fantastic job engaging the littlest in our community. Through Face book, Molly has been doing a variety of musical, artistic, and creative videos for families with children ages infant to 5. Her shining,

smiling face is quite the example to us all to stay positive during this difficult time.

The next shout out for this week goes to the Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department. The volunteers know that going to the gym is a little difficult at this time, so Volunteer Fire-fighter Sailor and Flores created a fabulous work out that anyone can do at home with everyday household items.

You’ll have to go check it out on the Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page. It’s so important to keep our health in check as we shelter in place. Thanks, guys, for the video!

Keep up the community spirit going, Blue Lake!



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**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**CASE NO. CV200092**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: **ANDREA SYLVESTER**  
to Proposed name: **ANDREA ANGELINA SILVESTRI**;  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street,

Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: JUNE 26, 2020  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be

published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.  
Date: JAN. 21, 2020  
TIMOTHY A. CANNING  
Judge of the Superior Court  
4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6  
..FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
20-00177  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**791 EIGHTH ST. STE. 8**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**JACK D. DURHAM**  
**791 EIGHTH ST. STE. 8**

**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**KEVIN L. HOOVER**  
**791 EIGHTH ST. STE. 8**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:  
A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP  
**S/JACK D. DURHAM**  
**EDITOR/PUBLISHER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on  
APRIL 15, 2020  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**KT DEPUTY CLERK**  
4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
20-00169  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**ARCATA FOREST PRODUCTS**  
**105 ALDER GROVE ROAD**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**ROBERT FIGAS**  
**115 REDMOND ROAD**  
**EUREKA, CA 95503**  
**KATHRYN FIGAS**  
**115 REDMOND ROAD**  
**EUREKA, CA 95503**  
**ADAM FIGAS**  
**2378 GOLF COURSE ROAD**  
**BAYSIDE, CA 95524**  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:  
A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP  
**S/ROBERT FIGAS**  
**PARTNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on  
APRIL 10, 2020  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**KT DEPUTY CLERK**  
4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
20-00182  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**PLAZA GRILL THE BASEMENT**  
**791 EIGHTH ST.**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**791 EIGHTH ST. SUITE G**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**TUCK'S INC.**  
**CA1130960**  
**791 EIGHTH ST.**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:  
A CORPORATION  
**S/ WILLIAM CHINO**  
**PRESIDENT**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on  
APRIL 20, 2020  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**KT DEPUTY CLERK**  
4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20  
**CITY OF ARCATA**  
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• Pay State Board of Equalization Timber Yield Taxes.  
• Each sealed envelope containing a quote must be

plainly marked on the outside as "TIMBER SALE BID 2020." Specifications may be obtained from the Contract and Procurement Specialist, 736 F Street, Arcata, California. The City reserves the right to reject any and all quotes. The award may be made at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of May 20, 2020.  
• To make an appointment for a "field show-me" contact Mark Andre, RPF and Environmental Services Director call 822-8184, cell 707 845-5804 or email [mandre@cityofarcata.org](mailto:mandre@cityofarcata.org).  
/s/ Mark S. Andre, RPF #2391  
Mark S. Andre  
Director, Environmental Services Department  
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under crazy circumstances."

**Missing classmates**  
 McKinleyville High School student Maritza Solano provided a report to the board in which she interviewed students about what it was like sheltering in place.

"With school being cut short for [most] of this year, it is fair to say the seniors are truly heartbroken," Solano stated in her report. "Seniors still hold hope for future events, especially graduation because it is too soon to tell what may or may not happen."

Davi Sharma, a senior at Mack High, said she spends time "stressing about the end of my senior year.... I also spend a big portion of the day missing my friends. It sucks."

Aliya Crackel, a MHS junior, said "I am sad that I can't spend the last couple months with senior friends." She also won't be able to go the prom with her boyfriend.

Students are also baking cookies, watching movies and doing classwork. MHS Sophomore Gabby Giraud is taking care of her new puppy, Ace, and spending time with her cousins.

Arcata High School Principal Dave Navarre said the district is still trying to figure out what it's going to do about graduation.

"We're getting some great ideas," Navarre said. "We will have some form of graduation."

Superintendent Macdonald said that school closure happened so quickly that teachers and students weren't able to retrieve their belongings from the campuses. The district is

developing a plan that will allow teachers and students to return to campus in a safe manner to collect their belongings.

**Uncertain future**  
 Six Rivers Charter School Principal Ron Perry said that despite the coronavirus, staff is already planning for the next school year.

"It's difficult because we don't know what the opening of school will look like," Perry said.

Macdonald said the future of school will depend on what health officers recommend.

"They'll give us guidance, which we'll take a very conservative approach to," Macdonald said.

School Nurse Kell said that one of the major problems is the lack of testing, with only about 1.3 percent of Humboldt County's population of 135,558 having been tested. "We have to test so we know where it is," Kell said.

Kell acknowledged the economic impact of the closures. "We are choosing lives over money right now," Kell said.

Kell said it's important to make sure students have hope.

At first, students were told that the closures would be temporary, perhaps a week, or two, or three.

"For awhile there were a bunch of carrot-stick shenanigans," Kell said. "That erodes your hope and totally discombobulates you."

Kell said the students must be given good information. "I think that can restore hope," Kell said.

**Free meals**  
 Cindy Vickers, the director of fiscal services, said that the district has been giving free meals to students on Mondays and Thursdays.

On April 23, about 49 students at MHS and about 67 at AHS received meals.

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be tripled with addition of \$500,000 from the Headwaters Fund. Loya said eight businesses have received \$10,000, while a total of 46 applications and inquiries have been received, with eight businesses receiving funds, 11 apps pending further information and 22 sent to the Arcata Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) for precessing.

Mayor Michael Winkler made no effort to correct his alarming assertion at the April 13 council meeting that groceries pose a coronavirus infection hazard to consumers.

Winkler made the counterfactual claim as part of a proposal to make masking in supermarkets mandatory, a measure since made moot by the county's universal public masking requirement.

For the record, grocery consumers need not fear being infected by their food. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration states that, "Currently there is no evidence of food or food packaging being associated with the transmission of the coronavirus."

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